



October 7th, 2018 World Communion Sunday



Welcome to this service of worship at Norfield Congregational Church on this Sunday morning. Please join us after worship for Fellowship in the Parish Hall.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

**All who are able, please stand in body or in spirit.*

Ringling of the Bell

Let the sound of the bell call you to worship!

Call to Worship

Leader: Today we are invited to a joyful feast, hosted by Jesus Christ.

Reader: All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.

All: All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.

Reader: All who are thirsty will find will find a fountain of grace here.

All: All who are thirsty will find will find a fountain of grace here.

Reader: All who are lost will find safety here and all who are lonely will find a friend here.

All: All who are lost will find safety here and all who are lonely will find a friend here.

Reader: All who are broken will find healing here.

All: All who are broken will find healing here.

Reader: All who have been wandering will find a home here.

All: All who have been wandering will find a home here.

Leader: For this is a heavenly banquet, and you are welcome here!

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn No. 469

“Morning Has Broken”

BUNESSAN

Welcome and Announcements

A Stewardship Moment

Britta Lerner

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Cherub Choir Songs

led by Marcia Louis

Children's Sermon

Children will remain in worship service with their families to celebrate World Communion Sunday. Childcare is available for children five and under in the lower level of the CE Building.

*Hymn No. 403

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

CONVERSE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings

Mark 14: 17-26 (NRSV)

¹⁷ When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹ They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" ²⁰ He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

²² While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴ He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." ²⁶ When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

I Corinthians 11: 23-26 (NRSV)

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

People: On the night He was betrayed Jesus took bread. And when he had given thanks and blessed it, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way after supper Jesus took the cup and gave it to His disciples, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Drink you all of it.”

Reader: The bread is many different types and colors and from many places. Some created primarily from wheat, others from rice or other kinds of grain. Some will have bread left over. Some with very small pieces that could barely give every Christian there a morsel. Still- it represented the body of Christ broken and sustained the body of Christ around the world today.

Reader: The juice around the world will be different. For many it will be wine, some will have juice, some will celebrate with water that had to be carried from a dirty well some miles away. Some will use individual cups, others fancy goblets, still others have been passing around whatever cup was in the home where they were meeting Still- it represented the blood of the covenant in their place and in their communities, just as it does in ours.

People: (in prayer), Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we thank you for this sacrament of communion shared with Christians around the world. Pour out your Holy Spirit on these elements and on those who partake—that we may be your body and the representation of your covenant in our lives and throughout the world. Amen.

Reader: Today, as you see the bread come around, you will see many different colors and types of bread. Remember as you see the plate all of those around the world with whom you share the table today.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(Symbolizing your personal relationship with Christ, you are invited to eat the bread when you are served. Symbolizing our unity in Christ, please hold the cup until all are served and we will drink together, at the bidding of the Pastor. Symbolizing our service to each other, please allow the person or usher next to you to hold the communion tray and serve you, if they are able. After communion is taken, the minister will invite the congregation to “pass the peace.”)

Communion Hymn No.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

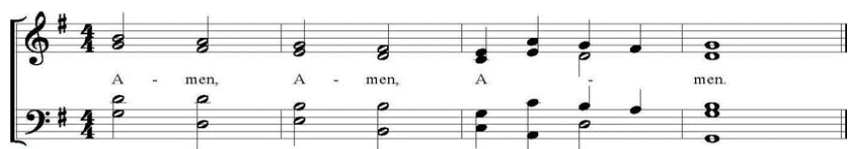
Passing of the Peace

*Hymn No. 332

“Live Into Hope”

TRURO

Benediction & Response



Postlude

Psalm XIX: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

B. Marcello

Welcome Visitors!

We are delighted to have you joining us here at Norfield today!

Please let us know if you have additional questions, or require further assistance. Do not hesitate to ask one of our greeters or ushers, a deacon (identified by name badges), or one of our ministers.

Please also take a moment to fill out a nametag for yourself so we can greet you by name.

- ❖ **Infant and toddler care** is available in the lower level of the Christian Education Building. An usher can direct you. You can also see and hear the service in the Greene Room if you need to.
- ❖ **A Children's sermon** is shared most Sundays and all children are invited to come to the front of the altar and join us.
- ❖ **Norfield's Church School, called Discovery Hour**, meets during the service. Children leave after the Children's Sermon, accompanied by their teachers. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is not necessary. Children can then be picked up following the service at the Christian Education Building. Please ask us for directions.
- ❖ **Hearing Assistance System amplifiers** are available. Please speak with an usher if you would like to use one.
- ❖ **Prayer Cards** are located in the pew racks. If you have a prayer request, please fill one out and place it in the offering plate or give it to a minister. We pray over these concerns each week.
- ❖ **Please fill in your address and any questions you might have** on the back of one of the Prayer Cards in the pews, and then put the card in the offering plate or give it to a minister.
- ❖ **Please join us, following the service**, for our Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall so we can welcome you personally and introduce ourselves.
- ❖ **If you are interested in becoming a member of our church family**, please contact Teri Gaberman, NCC Administrative Assistant at tgaberman@norfield.org.

Please visit our website at www.norfield.org for more information, and for updates on church activities and service schedules, view our online Google calendar also located on our website.

Parish Notes
October 7th, 2018

Norfield Congregational Church

Office Hours: Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Senior Minister Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us today! We hope that the hour spent in this sacred space will draw you closer to God, and an awareness of God's love.

Name Tags!

In an effort to maintain and nurture our Norfield family we ask that everyone please put on a name tag. They can be found in the vestibule of the church.

Leaders of Worship

Senior Minister – Rev. Dr. Bernard R. Wilson

Associate Minister of Children, Youth & Families – Thomas C. Burke, Jr.

Pastoral Associate for Wholeness Ministries – Rev. Diane Stevenson

Director of Music & Worship Arts – Dr. David H. Connell

Cherub Choir Leader – Marcia Louis

Deacon of the Day – Judy Albin

Ushers – Teri Gaberman and Phyllis Gary

Greeter – Eileen Buckley

Fellowship Hour Hosts – The Mitchell Family

Our Prayer List (October)

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:1-2)

Prayer Concerns: May loving prayers for comfort and strength surround the McMorris Family as they mourn the tragic loss of their beloved Andrew.

The Altar Flowers are given by The Quist Family in celebration of the beauty of autumn and the many blessings Norfield delivers to all!

(If you would like to put a name, concern, or joy on the prayer list, please contact the church office at # 203-227-7886. Your prayer concern will remain on the list for the month; if you would like to extend that time, please contact the church office. Thank You!)

Discovery Hour

Penny Anderson, Christian Education Director

Ellen Dickinson, Children's Church

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Announcements

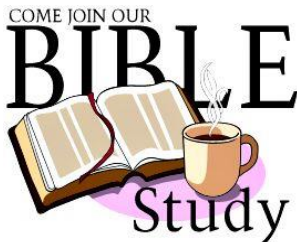
Rediscover Your Faith at Norfield in 2018!



2019 Confirmation Class!

NO Confirmation Class – TODAY!

The 2019 Confirmation Class **WILL NOT** meet today due to the holiday weekend! Class will resume next week on **Sunday, October 14th** from **5:15pm – 6:15pm** in the **Parish Hall** led by **Senior Minister, Rev. Dr. Bernard R. Wilson** and **Associate Minister of Children, Youth & Families, Thomas C. Burke**.



Mom's Bible Study

Looking for a way to connect with other Norfield women? Please join us for **Mom's Bible Study** on **Mondays at 9:30 am** in the **Banks Room**. Our discussions this fall will center on the hope found in the promises of scripture. No pre-work or assignments – just come as you are! The group is structured to suit a mom's busy schedule and provides mothers at any stage of life with thoughtful, biblical encouragement for each and every day. We look forward to seeing you! For questions, please contact **Katie Gregory** at (203) 258-1925 or at wknkgregory@optonline.net. *Please Note: There will be **NO** Mom's Bible Study on Monday, October 8th due to the school holiday.*

Open Door Bible Study

Led by **Rev. Dr. Bernard R. Wilson**, our weekly **Open Door Bible Study** on **Wednesdays at 9:30am** in the **Greene Room** and explores the Biblical texts to be presented in Worship the next Sunday, and is a great way to get even more out of church! Rev. Wilson presents the readings in historical and literary context, explores how different Christian traditions interpret them, and how to make sense of what the Biblical witness is trying to say to us. The discussion is active and thoughtful, but informal and very welcoming! *Hope to see you there!*



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

NEW! Youth Bible Study

All Norfield high schoolers are invited to attend the **NEW Youth Bible Study** group led by **Associate Minister Thomas C. Burke** on **Thursdays** from **3:30pm – 4:30pm** in the **Mike Tine Room**. This **NEW Youth Bible Study** will build spiritual maturity into their lives by enabling them to be the young people God has designed them to be!



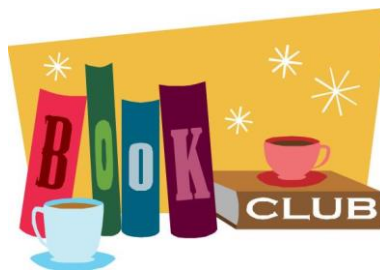
Youth Mission Trip 2019

ALL Norfield high school students/confirmants who are interested in participating on the **2019 Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico from June 29th - July 5th** must ATTEND a MANDATORY Informational Session with their PARENTS on either **Sunday, October 21st** at **6:30pm** in the **Parish Hall** OR **Monday, October 22nd** at **6:30pm** in the **Norfield Room**. Pastor Thomas will present an overview of the mission trip in addition to having permission slips available to complete. For questions or to sign up for the trip, please contact **Thomas C. Burke** at tburke@norfield.org.



Calling All Music Makers: Come and Make Music!

Norfield's **Music Makers Ministry** is offered to children from **Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth grade**. We gather on **Wednesday afternoons** after school, children are welcome to join us for snacks and crafts at **3:30pm**. Then, at **4:00pm** we start making music, singing and playing instruments, and learning together. And lastly, at **5:30pm** we regroup in the Parish Hall for a yummy dinner all together with family and friends. After dinner, the older children (Grade 3 and up) usually have a Fun Fellowship time too! If you want to know more, please contact **David Connell** at (203) 293-4981, or email at david@norfield.org.



The Norfield Open Door Book Club Wednesday, October 17th – 7pm

The **Norfield Open Door Book Club** will be meeting on **Wednesday, October 17th** at **7pm** at the home of **Laura Casellas, 11 September Lane, Weston**. This month's book choice is – ***"The Space Between Us"*** by Thrity Imrigar. ***"The Space Between Us"*** vividly captures the social struggles of modern India in a luminous, addictively readable novel of honor, tradition, class, gender, and family. A portrayal of two women discovering an emotional rapport as they struggle against the confines of a rigid caste system is a triumph of modern literary fiction. If you're interested in attending, please **RSVP to Laura** at laura.casellas@yahoo.com.



*All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.
Deuteronomy 16:17*

A Message from the Stewardship Ministry Team

Why do we say that **EVERY PLEDGE COUNTS**? What does that mean? Your pledge counts in providing opportunities for all of us at Norfield to “Shine the Light, Hope and Love of God” for each other and in the community.

Your pledge supports:

Sunday Worship Services
Music Makers Ministry
Bible Studies
A Welcoming Campus

Discovery Hour
Confirmation Class & Related Activities
Fellowship Hour
And so much more....

A sincere **THANK YOU** to the **45** out of **200** families that we have heard from! We would love to hear from the reminder of the congregation! Please pledge now and here’s how to do it:

- 1) Send a confidential email to stewardship@norfield.org with your pledge amount.
- 2) Set up automatic payments by following the links at www.norfield.org/pledge
- 3) Fill out a pledge card (in your pew, at the back of the church or in the office). **THANK YOU!**



HomeswithHope

Gillespie Center – Sign Up TODAY!!

As you may or may not know, Norfield Church graciously contributes one meal each month at the **Gillespie Center** for the homeless in **Westport**. This involves providing a simple meal for 20-25 homeless men and women on our designated dates (late Sunday afternoon). The Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to sign up for the next several months. In addition to individual families signing up to provide a meal, this is also a great activity for a Boy or Girl Scout troop, Confirmation class, youth group, committee, etc. For those interested in signing up, please see **Dave MacWilliams** during Fellowship Hour. **Thank You!**

MISSING!

A big fluffy and furry brown blanket in a white plastic bag which had been stored in the church’s attic has gone missing! It was a gift to Erley and has sentimental meaning to him. If anyone has seen it, please contact Erley at (203) 984-5038. Thank You!

Music in Nature Concert Sunday, October 14th – 3pm



Join Music on the Hill for 12 pro voices performing “Music in Nature” on Sunday, October 14th, at 3 p.m. at Wilton Presbyterian Church (on Rte. 106 in Wilton). Dr. David H. Connell conducts a program of songs by notable contemporary composers: Finzi, Górecki, Hovhaness, and Paulus.

Selections, which range from a setting of ancient Chinese poetry to a song of the anti-apartheid movement, take full advantage of these high-caliber voices and the venue’s vibrant acoustics. The beauty of water in rivers and seas recurs as a grounding and restorative theme. Donations welcome: \$20 suggested.



SOULFOOD
nourishment for
the spiritual journey

Fall Series 2018

*“Breaking Boundaries and Building Bridges:
Jesus’ Beatitudes at the Heart of Christian Ethics”*

Sundays – October 21st, 28th, Nov. 4th

8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Program

Featured Guest Lecturer - Dr. Brian Stiltner

Professor of Philosophy, Theology, and Religious Studies at Sacred Heart University

This three-part Soul Food series will delve into Jesus’ teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. Key themes that emerge include simplicity, peacemaking, hospitality, and forgiveness. Jesus showed his followers then—and shows us now—how to be a constructive ethical presence in society.

October 21st: Jesus’ World and Ours [Rohr chapters 1, 2, 4]

October 28th: The “Happy” Attitudes and Hospitality [Rohr chapters 8 and 5]

November 4th: Identify and Community [Rohr chapters 6, 7, 9]

Soul Food Reading: Richard Rohr with John Feister, *“Jesus’ Plan for a New World: The Sermon on the Mount”* may be purchased at the church office for \$15.00 or on Amazon.

A Special Fellowship Committee Invitation!



What is a "Friendsgiving" Progressive Dinner?

This delightful evening will begin in Norfield's Parish Hall at 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 17th, where all will gather for fellowship and hors d'oeuvres. Host families will depart from the parish hall at 7 p.m. and guests will travel to their assigned host homes at 7:15 p.m. Dinner host assignments and directions will be provided to guests. Each home will host between 8 and 12 people, depending on the host family's desire and the number of Norfielders that sign up.

It's a BYOB event with non-alcoholic beverages provided at the dinner. Dinner host homes will be responsible for the main course, however a single menu will be created with recipes being provided. Side dishes and desserts will be assigned to the guests attending the dinner.

If you're interested in being a Dinner Host Home, please sign up during Fellowship Hour or please contact Anne Troxell at troxellanne@optonline.net.

A Fellowship Event not to be missed!

Church Calendar

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>
Sunday	10/7	10:00am	World Communion Sunday	Sanctuary
Monday	10/8		OFFICE CLOSED Indigenous People's Day	
			NO Mom's Bible Study	
		6:00pm	Weston Boy Scouts	Parish Hall
		7:00pm	Deacons Meeting	Greene Room
Wednesday	10/10	9:30am	Open Door Bible Study	Greene Room
		4:00pm	Music Makers Ministry	Parish Hall
		4:00pm	Weston Warm Up Meeting	Conference Rm.
		5:30pm	Community Dinner	Parish Hall
		7:00pm	Good News Gospel Choir Rehearsal	Parish Hall
Thursday	10/11	3:30pm	Youth Bible Study	Mike Tine Room
		6:15pm	Handbell Rehearsal	Greene Room
Friday	10/12	6:00pm	Weston Cub Scouts	Parish Hall
Saturday	10/13	8:30am	Weston Kiwanis Meeting	Parish Hall
		9:00am	DDWSF Meeting	Norfield Room
Sunday	10/14	10:00am	Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost	Sanctuary
		5:15pm	Confirmation Class	Parish Hall



How to Grow your Plantable Seed Paper Earths

Soak your paper earth in water overnight. Tear up and plant under a thin layer of soil. Water daily until seeds germinate in 1 - 3 weeks.

Enjoy the beauty of the God's earth!

BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

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